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The Honorable Christian A. Herter
The Under Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Chris:

In response to your letter of May 13th I enclose a copy of my answer to the Canadian proposal for a joint intelligence estimate of the threat to North America.

I also enclose a copy of a memorandum sent the Secretary of Defense. I expect that the officials of the Department of Defense will reach agreement with their Canadian opposite numbers in the near future on the nature and scope of the estimate required and that we can get to work on the substance of the problem in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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29 MAY 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Preparation of Estimate for North American
Defense Command

REFERENCE : My letter to you dated 9 May 1958

1. I enclose a copy of my reply to Mr. Southam's letter furnished you by reference. For your convenience I also enclose an additional copy of the basic paper.

2. As you will see, the intelligence organizations of the two countries are ready to proceed with the estimate required by CINCPAC. We only await receipt of the terms of reference and specification of the scope and timing of the estimate through the respective military chains of command. I assume that you will be in direct communication with the appropriate Canadian authorities and that you will advise me of your joint decision when reached.

Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

cc. The Hon. Christian A. Herter

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29 MAY 1958

G. Hamilton Southam, Esquire
Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee
Department of External Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Southam:

I have your letter of May 5th proposing the development of an agreed estimate on the threat to North America by the Canadian Joint Intelligence Committee and the U. S. Intelligence Advisory Committee. This matter has been under earnest consideration by myself and my colleagues on the Intelligence Advisory Committee and is also under study in the U. S. Department of Defense.

There is no question in our minds as to the desirability of our two committees reaching agreement to the maximum extent possible on the nature and magnitude of the threat that NORAD has been established to meet. At the same time it seems clear that the terms of reference to be given the estimators of both committees must come to them through appropriate command channels. This requires agreement in principle and development of procedures between our respective Departments of Defense and our Joint Chiefs of Staff and your Chiefs of Staff Committee.

I am, therefore, prepared now to state that the Intelligence Advisory Committee stands ready to do its part toward the production of such an agreed estimate. I have so communicated with the Secretary of Defense, furnishing him with copies of our correspondence in order that necessary action to perfect the required procedures may be taken.

In order to get forward as rapidly as possible with the accomplishment of this exercise, we have been engaged in a review of all the evidence bearing on Soviet heavy bomber and long-range guided missile programs and should have our revised estimate in suitable form for

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exchange with you early next month. I am hopeful that such an exchange of views will disclose that the differences which have existed between us have been substantially narrowed. The procedures for a joint effort to attempt to iron out such differences as remain can be worked out when we determine what they are and receive the WPAAD requirements through our respective military authorities.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: The Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Christian A. Herter

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